

**State Soil Conservation Committee (SSCC)
June 26, 2025 (Hybrid)
MD Farm Bureau, Davidsonville, MD
Minutes**

Van Funk, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

The minutes of June 2025 meeting were approved. (Posey/Feldt)

SSCC ADMIN

Appointments

- Prince George's supervisor appointment tabled until July meeting.

District	Affiliation	Appointed	Motion/Second	Term Expires
Anne Arundel	At-Large	Shelley Garrett	Posey/Flickinger	4/19/30
Somerset	At-Large	Robert Fitzgerald	Feldt/Jarboe	6/01/30

- July 17 meeting at Salisbury Animal Health Lab
- Area 2 Representative Amy Posey's term expiration June 2025. Amy can be re-appointed for a second term. A call for nominations will go out to the Southern Area soon. SSCC Area Representative appoints are made by the Secretary of Agriculture.
- Agri-tourism: Alisha Mulkey is drafting a memo for SSCC review asking for clarity from the Office of the Attorney General on requirements for Erosion and Sediment Control as it pertains to publicly accessible areas on farm operations.

Overview of Solar Implementation of Preserved Ag Land

Guest Speakers: David Comis w/Brandon Bowser, MD Energy Administration

Discussed solar siting beyond agricultural lands. In 2023, community solar on commercial rooftops began in MD. One of the regional storage companies is now putting solar rooftops on many locations. Rooftops are incentivized in the proposal process. Intention to incentive agrivoltaics, but how to do it is still being worked out by MEA. Open to ideas for these incentives. Community solar is only possible if there is an electrical tariff that allow it. Four companies in the region currently have those tariffs. Community solar on landfills, brown fields, or rubble fills is a new incentive. Looking to put solar on multi-family buildings. MEA interested in reaching low and moderate income farm communities that could use resiliency hub. Also have programs to put solar on public school buildings. There is also an open grant program for siting not covered under other grants. Also grants for local govt buildings. Agnostic as to where solar is sited. Do not provide incentives for on-farm solar. Under community solar program found that under residential there were several homes with 40-50 kW of energy (normal is 8kW). It turned out they were sole-proprietorship farms and used to run farms under community solar program.

Q: Are incentives driving solar development. **A:** Yes. *Solar canopy and dual-use technology has worked. Use in parking lots. Too new in landfills but expect progress.*

Commercial solar program is doing well. Includes small family farms. Community resiliency is also working well.

Q: Why aren't huge warehouse centers required to include solar? **A:** *We tried. Proposal for rooftop greater than 85,000 sq ft be built solar-ready was proposed in the last at state level in previous administration. Was not considered.*

Q: What is the typical installation height and projected lifespan? **A:** *Projected lifespan is between 20-40 years. 2-3 to build. 20 years of operation. Two five-year option periods. Panel degrades incrementally over time. There is no standard on height. Geographically dependent. Here it is normally at least 18 inches. Some are 3 ft off ground. Highest is 12 ft. Most are fixed-tilt. Newer arrays follow sun. We have asked that anyone who wants to do agrivoltaics partner with university researchers. Soil impacts, runoff line, height impact (materials cost).*

Q: What kind of outreach is done to companies with huge commercial buildings? **A:** *Not enough. Solar companies approach after build, rather than in the plan building process. Solar developers are aggressively pursuing the larger building, but we need to do more to target the big-box companies.*

Q: Can you further explain resiliency sites? **A:** *Objective is to have in neighborhood that people can walk to. A resiliency hub with neighborhood support would allow for continued energy access in emergency situations. MEA has planning funds to assess what a community needs. Can be used for small farms.*

Q: What happens if panels are damaged? Is there restoration money or insurance? **A:** *It would be private insurance. Most panels are designed to resist grapefruit-sized hail.*

From MEA to SSCC: What can we do to help you? Open to suggestions.

Guest Speaker: Alisha Mulkey, MDA discussed solar process that may change with new laws recently passed. Projects that come through MDA for review are mostly community solar. MDA does not approve projects, just provides feedback. MDE and DNR sign final letters of recommendations. Driver is 50% renewable energy by 2030 in MD. SSCC gets alerted when a project is proposed by memo and are followed by Environmental Review Design (ERD). Getting about two memos per week. They are coming fast. Vast majority of projects are on farmland. ERD includes of ag resources impacts- usually just the amount of farmland being taken out of production. 6-8 months later receives a request from PPRP asking for comments. Working on a process to get timely (2-6 weeks) comments back to PPRP. MDA is mapping the projects as they come in. Trying to get as much info as early as possible so that there is a concern PPRP is aware as early as possible. Tracking the impact of solar arrays implementations on farmland loss. Review of impact on MAUF acres, conservation plans, vegetation management, etc. SCDs may not know vegetation requirements when E&S control plans come to District for review. PPRP and PSC do not have enforcement staff. How do we communicate better. MDA can notify SCD of licensing requirements- but it may be up to 5 years before developer comes to SCD. SCD relies on 2011 E&S Handbook for review it does not include native pollinator habitats often associated with solar arrays. If we are going to lose ag land, can we improve vegetation underlying the solar arrays. Bookmark this page <https://webpscxb.psc.state.md.us/DMS/cpcnapplication> Project info can be found here. Of 50 some plans, MDA has only one project that falls under agrivoltaics.

Q: Could ag land under solar array eventually not be considered ag land? **A:** *This is a question for the MD Assessment Office.*

Q: How far are we to the 50% by 2030 goal? **A:** *[MEA] We are at about 33%. Some out of state. But solar must come from in-state.*

NRCS Fund Distributions

Guest Speaker: Suzy Daubert went over data to show distribution of funds historically and this year.

Q: Can you explain some of the language for workgroups? **A:** *2022 and 2023 piloted and executed local working groups for funding. 2024 and 2025 funds managed from state level. Project-driven from state-level rather than giving money to local groups to distribute as needed. Concerned that the fund distributions are less equitable when handled locally.*

Q: Do project types skew funding distributions? **A:** *Yes. As some projects are far more costly in dollars. State-wide distribution helps distribute number of contracts more equitably across state. It has allowed MD to efficiently get money invested in projects.*

Comment: Project management can be as time consuming regardless of size of project- so that gets into the staffing time needed.

Q: What does NRCS need from the Districts to better distribute funds? **A:** *Look at the data we are providing and provide us feedback.*

Comment: Individual county project approvals are lost in the regional snapshots.

MEMBER REPORTS

MD Department of Agriculture – Byron Petrauskas:

- Governor Moore sent out notification to all state employees, also covered in the media, stating a \$112 million salary reduction was needed in FY26. Potential impact to resources at the SCDs is the voluntary separation option (more details to come) and hiring freeze.
- District Operations is finalizing General Fund MOUs and Trust Fund Agreements and look to distribute both this afternoon or Friday.
- Questions have been coming in regarding changes to the Cover Crop Program, Jason attended the SSCC meeting to answer any questions.

MD. Department of Natural Resources – Rob Feldt:

- DNR staff responded to 0 wildfires in the first half of June, but requests for assistance in the western US are beginning to come in, and a DNR engine and crew are out west now. More requests will begin to come as we move into July and August. DNR Forestry is closely watching the changes occurring at the federal level as a potential consideration of Federal wildfire assets (USFS and Interior) may be consolidated.
- The Mid-Atlantic Fire Academy was held at Garrett College June 9-13. A very large number of DNR staff attended as well as volunteer fire company members.
- DNR Secretary Josh Kurtz spoke at the ribbon cutting of the Forest Succession Interpretive Trail at the TNC Nassawango Preserve. A crowd of 40 braved a heatwave to be in attendance and celebrate the importance of balance on the landscape and how biodiversity, ecology, and economy come together to accomplish great things. The

crowd was made up of legislators, conservation leaders, biologists, and industry leaders.

MD. Department of Environment – Greg Sandi: NO REPORT

University of Maryland Extension – Darren Jarboe:

The current University of Maryland Extension Agriculture and Food Systems Program (AgFS) openings are:

AgFS Extension

- AgFS IPM specialist, ornamental horticulture finalists will be interviewed later this month.
- AgFS local foods and entrepreneurship specialist position is being reviewed by the Dean's Office.
- AgFS county educator, Prince George's County: The position is being evaluated.
- AgFS county educator, Frederick County: The position is being evaluated.

Agricultural Nutrient Management Program

- Program director and faculty specialist: The position description will be revised and reposted. The position is being evaluated by the Dean's Office.
- Nutrient management advisor applicants for Allegany, Charles, Washington, and Wicomico/Worcester Counties are being interviewed.

The UME Assistant Director of Operations position candidates were interviewed April 24.

The AgFS 2025 College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Faculty and Staff Excellence Award Winners:

- On Campus Staff Excellence Award: Racheal Slattery, Animal and Avian Sciences
- Off-Campus Staff Excellence Award: Stephanie Jackson, UME
- Off-Campus Junior Faculty Award: Kurt Vollmer, UME
- DEIR Standard of Excellence Award-Faculty/Staff: Andrea Franchini, UME and Kayle Krieg, UME
- Integrated Research and Extension Excellence Award: Stephanie Lansing, Environmental Science and Technology (ENST)
- UME Extension Excellence Award: Shauna Henley, UME
- The 2025 Dean's Grantsmanship Award: Stephanie Lansing, ENST and Ken Leonard, Agricultural and Resource Economics

Natural Resources Conservation Service – Suzy Daubert

- See presentation on funding distributions

Farm Services Agency – Russ Clanton and Laura Pleasanton:

Opening of CRP:

In mid-May, we were able to begin accepting offers again for CRP. The statutory acreage cap is 27 million acres and at the time, we were at 25.9 million acres nationwide. This means we are accepting offers on a first come, first served basis under batching periods. The first batching period ended June 6th and we didn't know if there would be a second one, so FSA and technical staff hustled to submit as many offers as possible. Work normally completed over a span of months was handled in less than 4 weeks and we're appreciate of all the technical support from the field offices that made it possible.

Fortunately, FSA is currently still accepting offers for reenrollments and new contracts. We don't know when this next batching period will end at this point.

We're also still waiting on the Secretary/the national office to find out which offers from the first batch have been accepted, including which General CRP offers were accepted.

For those offers that are accepted, we'll be able to utilize interim conservation plans which gives technical staff an extra few months to complete conservation plans.

We anticipate the announcement of a Grasslands CRP sign up soon.

ECAP:

Emergency Commodity Assistance Program (ECAP) signup is ongoing until August 15th. This is the 10 billion provided through American Relief Act. Applications have been mailed to all producers and they can also just stop by the county office to sign if that is their preference. Most payments going out within weeks of signing. Nearly 30 million dollars have been paid out in Maryland.

LFP:

Unfortunately, drought conditions have triggered LFP in 7 counties, mainly on the western shore.

Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's are LFP eligible in 2025 with various signup dates. Give those offices a call to learn more.

ECP:

With the flooding back in the middle of May near Cumberland, there is an ongoing signup for the Emergency Conservation Program in Allegany County. Signup ends on July 2nd. At this point it looks like most applicants will be receiving cost-share for debris removal and fence replacements.

Crop Reporting:

Just a quick plug since many of you also farm, to either drop by the office or make an appointment to report crops by July 15th.

Staffing:

Between DRP 1 and DRP 2, we lost 8 staff from the county offices.

We will be able to hire 5 temps. 3 will be on the eastern shore, 2 on the western shore.

MASCD – Jen Nelson:

Grants and Funding

- MASCD is working with ShoreRivers to implement three wetland restoration projects in Kent County, DE as part of our NFWF Grant for "Nature Based Structural Practices in Tax Ditch Watersheds". Once completed, these projects may serve as good projects to highlight through a field day or webinar. Additional funds are available through the grant to fund other wetland restoration projects, floodplain reconnection, two stage ditches, riparian buffers and other water quality practices. Jen is working with NFWF to extend the grant through April of 2027.
- The Maryland Bay-Friendly Farming Program is seeking farmers for certification! Please help us spread the word to good candidates, including those farmers who were certified through FSCAP. Contact Chelsea at Chelsea.Gebbia@resourcesmartllc.com for more information.

MASCD Annual Meeting

- Registration is open for MASCD's 2025 Annual Meeting! The meeting will be held August 4-6 at Rocky Gap Casino & Resort. Visit <https://mascd.net/2025-mascd-annual-meeting/> for hotel information, sponsorship details and online registration. A few topics from the agenda includes:
 - Alice Crothers, co-owner of Long Green Farms, Inc. and Cecil SCD Board Member, will give our keynote address about how she and her husband incorporate conservation into their farm's business plan
 - Representatives from Perdue Agribusiness, Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association will participate in a panel discussion to talk about their sustainability programs and opportunities for farmers and districts
 - At the Policy Development Session, MASCD members will discuss potential legislation and shape our advocacy efforts for 2026. Districts are encouraged to develop draft policies at their Area Meetings to submit for consideration at the session on August 6.

Early Registration ends June 30, and the deadline for hotel reservations is July 7.

Other Items

- **Management Excellence Training-** MASCD hosted a 3-day Management Training in partnership with MDA for current managers and other staff interested in developing their management skills. The training course provided training on effective communication, time management, performance reviews, employee coaching and conflict resolution. Associated Employers HR will also offer a virtual course each Winter with similar content, and will work with MASCD to host 8 quarterly webinars over the next two years on other management topics.
- **Restructuring MASCD's Committees-** MASCD is seeking your feedback on if and how we restructure our committees to our current needs. A survey was sent out to districts toward the end of April, with a request to submit feedback by June 30. Thanks to those who have gotten back to us already!
- **Leopold Conservation Award-** Nominations are being accepted for the 2025 Leopold Award through July 15, 2025. The \$10,000 award honors farmers, ranchers, and forestland owners who go above and beyond in their management of soil health, water quality and wildlife habitat on working land. More information is available at <https://sandcountyfoundation.org/uploads/2025-CFN-Maryland.pdf> Previous recipients include Hutchison Brothers (2024), David & Belinda Burrier (2023), Caleb & Alice Crothers (2022) and Persistence Creek Farm (2021)
- **Delmarva Land and Litter Collaborative-** DLLC is hosting a workshop this week on "Understanding Nutrient Dynamics and Water Quality on Delmarva" to discuss scientific knowledge about why Delmarva water quality does not appear to be improving in some areas. In other news, DLLC has finalized findings from their "Farmer Engagement Session on Targeted Watershed Restoration", which are available on their website: <https://delmarvalandandlitter.net/our-work/>

Upcoming Events & Deadlines

DATE	EVENT
July 15, 2025	Leopold Conservation Award Nomination Deadline
July 24-30, 2025	NACD's 2025 Summer Conservation Forum & Tours, Milwaukee, WI

APPROVED July 17, 2025

August 4-6, 2025	MASCD 2025 Annual Meeting, Rocky Gap Hotel & Casino, Flintstone
September 21-25, 2025	NACD Northeast Region Meeting, East Syracuse, NY

Ag Commission- Gordon Kretser: No Report

Area 1 (Western) – Diane Flickinger:

Washington County:

- WCSCD participated in and was a practitioner at the Antietam Creek Watershed Report Card Release Event, held, Thursday, June 12, 2025. The link to the report, i.e. Water Quality Indicators, Biota Indicators, Vital Signs, Bacteria, etc. is on our website at www.conservationplace.com
- WCSCD will be participating in and jointly hosting a "public comment session", Monday, July 14, 2025 in cooperation with the City of Hagerstown, Catoctin Land Trust, etc. regarding our upcoming stream restoration project on Hamilton Run along Northern Avenue in Hagerstown. Event information on our website at www.conservationplace.com
- WCSCD and the Western Area Regional Coordinator participated in a Washington County Government Agricultural Tour with Secretary Atticks, Thursday, May 22, 2025, touring 3 farms, demonstrating drone applications, robotic milkers and feeding systems, as well as, non-gmo/holistic grain growing and sales.

Frederick County:

- FCSCD awarded four college scholarships to Frederick County student residents.
- FCSCD wrapped up the MD Cover Crop Grant Program and started enrollment for FY2026.
- FCSCD worked with the Johnsville Ruritan to choose the Frederick County MASCD Coloring Contest winners. Results are posted on the FCSCD website.
- FCSCD mailed out and posted their quarterly Newsletter.

Allegany:

- MASCD Summer Meeting, August 4-6, will be held at Rocky Gap Resort in Flintstone MD.

The Western Region held an area meeting on June 24 in preparation for the MASCD Summer Meeting.

District Managers from Allegany, Garrett, Carroll, and Frederick County attended the Management/Leadership Training sponsored by MASCD.

Area 2 (Southern) - Amy Posey:

Anne Arundel:

- No Report

Calvert:

- We have two high-energy (Bayfront) shoreline restoration projects in the works, which will likely include the application of oyster reefs.
- Reached out for workgroup reinstatement letter

Charles:

- Tim Wells will be starting as the new district manager on Monday, June 30.

- Luis Dieguez will be retiring from the Charles SCD on July 28.
- Charles SCD will soon be advertising to fill the vacant engineer position for urban review work.

Prince George's:

- Attended a workshop hosted by Rodgers Consulting to discuss proposed MDE changes to SWM regulations and how the A-Storm program may impact the implementation of erosion and sediment control devices in the future.
- Invited by the Southern Maryland Agricultural Development Commission to give a presentation to the Southern Maryland Realtors group on the subject of how to analyze land resources to select the correct properties for their clients. The talk focused on various resources such as the Web Soil Survey and PG-ATLAS to interpret soils, evaluate drainage, estimate erosion potential, identify overlay easements etc. The group was very receptive and requested a follow-up workshop on how to utilize the web soil survey.
- Kim Rush Lynch and John Tarr attended the three-day MASCD Leadership Training Workshop.
- Aisha Braveboy (former State's Attorney) was elected County Executive. She will finish the term of Senator Angela Alsobrook.

St. Mary's:

- St. Mary's hired a new erosion and sediment control specialist on May, 28, 2025. His name is Austin Coombs, and he previously worked as an intern at Charles SCD.
- The Hog Point Shoreline project is nearly finished. All of the rock structures and sand have been installed. Marsh grass planting is ongoing with over 50,000 plugs total for the project. The project is 98% complete.
- The Maryland Envirothon competition was held June 11 and 12, 2025, at the Western Maryland 4H camp in Garrett County. St. Mary's finished in 4th place with a score of 426.5 out of a possible 489.
- Bruce Young and Ryan St. Laurant (Calvert SCD) participated in a conference call with Delegate Morgan and Senator Bailey regarding issues with shoreline permitting requirements through MDE.

District Wide

- It has been decided that Area 2 will be using the hour allotted at MASCD to hold their Area Meeting. The District Managers have been asked to collect resolution topics from their boards this month and submit them to Amy by August 1st.

Area 3 (Upper Shore) – Steve Freeman: NO REPORT

Area 4 (Central) – Van Funk:

Baltimore County SCD

- *No Report*

Cecil SCD

- CSCD was involved in an after event wrap up meeting for the "Cecil County Agricultural Education Days" event which was attended by all county 7th grade students. Planning has already begun for next year's event.
- On June 6th, CSCD provided an education station at Bohemia Manor State Park during their "Bio Blitz" event for 7th grade students. Topics include farming and wildlife habitat.
- On June 14th CSCD provided homeowner outreach during the Cecil County Wade In, hosted by the Cecil County Department of Public Works. The event was attended by over 250 people.

- The Rising Sun High School Envirothon team attended the Maryland Envirothon State Competition June 11th and 12th. The team had a great time and was proud of their scores in Soils.

Harford SCD

- On May 2nd, Harford SCD coordinated and led the Harford County Envirothon Competition. Nine high schools participated in this annual event. The North Harford High School Envirothon team won for the third straight year. On June 12th, the North Harford High School Envirothon team won the Maryland State Envirothon Competition for the third straight year as well. Next month, North Harford will represent the State of Maryland at the National Envirothon Competition to be held at Mt. Royal University, Calgary, Canada between July 20th – 26th.
- On June 25th, Harford SCD, Harford County Farm Bureau, and UM Extension Service hosted a legislative ag tour for local and state legislative representatives as well as County, State, and Federal dignitaries. The group visited five farms in the Darlington and Havre de Grace zip codes. The tour guests got to view completed BMPs, a stream restoration project, and a brewery.
- On October 23rd, the Harford SCD will be hosting its annual Cooperator's Dinner at the Level Volunteer Fire Hall. Invitations will be sent out later this summer.

Howard SCD

- Howard SCD staff assisted University of MD with a pasture walk at their Central MD Research and Education Center. About 20 people attended the event, which focused on management of equestrian facilities and rotational grazing, weed ID, types of fencing, heavy use areas and other BMP's for horse operations.
- Howard SCD staff hosted a booth with information about programs at the new County Office of Agriculture Open House. The event was directed towards new and beginning farmers in the County, but was also attended by a number of traditional farmers.
- Staff provided a budget presentation with the County Council with the end result being the approval of the District's FY26 budget.

Montgomery SCD

- No report.

Area 5 (Lower Shore) – Terry Nuwer:

Dorchester SCD:

- Ready for Cover Crop signup that starts Monday June 23rd.
- Preparing Annual Report for County Council.
- Preparing for vendor table at Caroline/Dorchester County Fair
- Lower SHore Area Meeting set for July 22nd at Wicomico SCD.
- Working on numerous MACS applications for HUA's for cooperators.

Worcester:

Lower Shore Staff attended the UME Poultry Composting Course held at the MDA Animal Health building in Salisbury in May. Lower Shore SCDs organized and provided lunch for the event.

Closed out the 2024-2025 MDA Cover Crop Program with 70 Applications and 38,796 acs. of cover crop planted/paid.

MDA Staff is preparing for the 2025-2026 CC Program Rollout: We have received many calls about the base payment and aerial changes to the program so far. Staff was provided with

program documents last minute this year which has made speaking with producers about the program requirements difficult to start.

Technician's Brandon Zinter and Tom Phillips are working on various poultry and PDA projects across the Lower Shore. SCD/MDA PDA MOU now in-place for reimbursements. Worcester SCD Supervisors have selected two local students to be awarded a \$500 scholarship.

Worcester SCD has completed its year-long furniture update to the NRCS/MDA side of the office, including all new workstations and a signature counter for producers.

Wicomico. We have completed 24/25 cover crop and are now taking applications for the 25/26 program. PDA maintenance work being completed under the new MOU. We are working on some new/expanding poultry operations, getting CNMPs completed as needed. Our new planners are learning the cover crop application process and taking training on Nutrient Management and planning software.

Somerset SCD

1. Closed out the 2024/2025 cover crop program and have begun the 2025/2026 cover crop program.
2. MDA staff continue to assist poultry producers with a variety of different tasks.
3. MDA staff partnered with Dr. Sarah Hirst with the University of Maryland to teach approximately 240 students from Worcester and Somerset Counties about the importance of soil. This annual event known as Junior Achievement AG Day is held every year at the Perdue Henson Center in Salisbury Maryland.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 11:55 AM.

SUMMARY OF CLOSED SESSION HELD ON June 26, 2025

1. *Statement of the time, place, and purpose of the closed session:*

Time of closed session: 11:55 AM

Place (location) of closed session: MD Farm Bureau, Davidsonville, MD

Purpose of the closed session: Discuss applications submitted for Soil Conservation District Supervisor Positions

2. *Record of the vote of each member as to closing the session:*

Names of members voting aye: Motion: Feldt Second : Jarboe

Members opposed: NONE

Members abstaining: NONE

3. *Statutory authority to close session:*

This meeting was closed under the following provisions of General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b):

4. Topic #1: § 3-305(b) (x)

“To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals”

Listing of each topic actually discussed, persons present, and each action taken in the session:

Topic description	Persons present for discussion	Action Taken/Each Recorded Vote
#1: Charles SCD Supervisor Applications	In-Person: Posey, Funk, Sandi, Jarboe, Feldt, Nelson, Mulkey Virtual: Flickinger	Discussion of application materials- no vote
#2: Howard SCD Supervisor Applications	In-Person: Posey, Funk, Sandi, Jarboe, Feldt, Nelson, Mulkey Virtual: Flickinger	Discussion of application materials- no vote
#3: Kent SCD Supervisor Applications	In-Person: Posey, Funk, Sandi, Jarboe, Feldt, Nelson, Mulkey Virtual: Flickinger	Discussion of application materials- no vote
#4: Wicomico SCD Supervisor Applications	In-Person: Posey, Funk, Sandi, Jarboe, Feldt, Nelson, Mulkey Virtual: Flickinger	Discussion of application materials- no vote

The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 12:35 PM (Feldt/Posey).

Respectfully Submitted,



Loretta Collins
Executive Secretary

Attendance: June 26, 2025

*in-person

SSCC Member	Name	Present	Absent
Area 1- Western	Diane Flickinger	X	
Area 2- Southern	Amy Posey*	X	
Area 3 - Upper Shore	Steve Freeman		X
Area 4 - Central	Van Funk (Chair)*	X	
Area 5 - Lower Shore	Terry Nuwer		X
MDA	Hans Schmidt (until 10:27)	X	
DNR	Rob Feldt*	X	
MDE	Jim George Greg Sandi* (proxy)	X	
UMD	Darren Jarboe*	X	

MASCD President	John Swaine*		X
Ag Commission	Gordon Kretser		X
USDA-NRCS (non-voting)	Suzy Daubert*	X	
FSA (non-voting)	Russ Clanton*	X	

Organization /Office	Attendee(s)	Organization /Office	Attendee(s)
Allegany SCD	Adam Heavner	Howard SCD	David Plummer
Anne Arundel SCD	David Scheler*	Kent SCD	
Baltimore County SCD		Montgomery SCD	
Calvert SCD		Prince George's SCD	Steve Darcey, Kim Rush Lynch
Caroline SCD	John Shepard, Jefferson Towers,	Queen Anne's SCD	
Carroll SCD		Somerset SCD	Mark Carey
Cecil SCD	Gerry Powell, Chris Brown	St. Mary's SCD	Bruce Young
Charles SCD	Luis Dieguez*	Talbot SCD	
Dorchester SCD	Karen Houtman	Washington County SCD	Lori Flook-Bishop, Mark Kendle, Dee Price
Frederick County SCD	Heather Hutchinson	Wicomico SCD	Richard Glasgow
Garrett SCD		Worcester SCD	Chelsea Tyson, Bob Fitzgerald, Anne Webster, Wayne Widdowson
Harford SCD			
MDA (HQ)	Alisha Mulkey*, Loretta Collins*, Jason Keppler*, Byron Petrauskas*	MDA (Southern)	Adam Lyon, Eileen Beard
MASCD	Jen Nelson*	NRCS	Sherri DeGraphenreed, Eric Hines, Steve Strano
MD Energy Administration	David Comis and Brandon Bowser	Chesapeake Bay Foundation	Alan Girard
FSA	Laura Pleasanton		